

LIGHT READING

customer newsletter



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April 22 is Earth Day - **Green Up!**

Here's one way to celebrate Earth Day: Join 7,000 City Light customers who have gone GREEN and selected non-polluting power. For a few extra dollars each month you can purchase sources of new renewable energy such as wind and solar, equal to 25, 50, 100 percent or more of your energy needs. Simply fill out the form below or enroll online at www.greenupseattle.org. For additional information visit this Web site or call (206) 684-8822.



Special offer for residential customers: Join **Green Up** now with a one year commitment and we'll send you an organic, Fair Trade Certified THEO Chocolate bar and a two-for-one admission coupon for the THEO Chocolate factory tour. Existing **Green Up** customers can increase

their contributions and also receive this gift. The special offer starts March 2008 and will continue while supplies last.

THEO Chocolate (www.theochocolate.com) is a Seattle-based company specializing in bean-to-bar production of organic chocolates. Their tour includes free chocolate samples and information about where cacao comes from and the Fair Trade industry that supports fair prices, community development and environmental stewardship. THEO Chocolate is a Platinum (100 percent participation level) **Green Up** customer.

For a guide to simple changes you can make to live greener, visit www.seattlecan.org.

Seattle Climate Action



SeattleCAN.org

☐ **\$3 per month**
25% participation level

☐ **\$6 per month**
50% participation level

☐ **\$12 per month**
100% participation level

☐ **I already participate 100% but want to add \$ _____ each month.**

Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____ City Light Account Number _____

Service Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ I agree to pay the monthly charges selected above for at least one year.

Questions? Call 206.684.8822 or visit www.greenupseattle.org

Mail the coupon with your bill payment or to: Green Up Seattle, Seattle City Light, PO Box 34023, Seattle, WA 98124-4023.
Please allow eight to 10 weeks for delivery of chocolate bar and tour coupon.

Is it time to retire your refrigerator?

It doesn't make "cents" to keep old appliances in your garage or basement when you consider that they use up to four times the energy of newer models. City Light has a recycling program that will help you. We'll haul old refrigerators and freezers away free of charge and give you a \$30 rebate. Best of all, you'll save up to \$150 a year in energy costs while helping to fight global warming. Now that's a good return on investment.

This offer is for City Light customers and is limited to refrigerators and freezers in working condition, 10 to 27 cubic feet in size. For detailed information or to schedule a pick up, call **1-877-577-0510** or visit www.seattle.gov/light/conserve/resident.



Spring Clean kicks off April 5

Seattle Spring Clean brings residents together to tackle public space beautification projects. Participants can receive free resources such as waste pick up services from Seattle Public Utilities. To learn more, call (206) 233-7187 or visit www.seattle.gov/util and search "Spring Clean."

Seattle City Light is a publicly owned utility dedicated to exceeding our customers' expectations in producing and delivering low-cost, reliable power in an environmentally responsible and safe way. We are committed to delivering the best customer service experience of any utility in the nation.



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City Light tests electric vehicles



PHEVs can travel up to 30 miles powered solely by the rechargeable battery and at a cost equivalent to less than \$1 per gallon of gasoline.

The City of Seattle joins other local agencies in a yearlong demonstration project that will test the performance of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) within an urban area. The PHEV is the next generation of hybrid cars. They have a longer-lasting battery that can be charged from an ordinary electric outlet.

Thanks to funding and technical support from the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory and matching funds from City Light, three existing Priuses from our fleet will be converted to PHEVs this April. Data loggers installed with the new batteries will gather real-time data on vehicle performance as well as information useful to City Light on PHEV-electric grid integration. We will be part of the national effort to

establish communication and control standards in preparation for expected PHEV rollouts in the new-vehicle market in the coming years. To learn more about PHEVs, visit www.calcars.org/vehicles.html.

The greenhouse gas emissions from the project's PHEV Priuses will be about 25 to 50 percent less than the emissions from conventional Priuses. A 2007 report by The Electric Power Research Institute and The Natural Resources Defense Council gives an environmental stamp of approval to PHEVs: "Scientists have confirmed that unlike gasoline cars, plug-ins will get cleaner as they get older — because our power grid is getting cleaner." For more details about the report visit www.epri-reports.org/.

Green Festival premieres in the Northwest

On April 12 and 13 the City of Seattle will co-host Green Festival at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in downtown Seattle.

Come explore, learn and shop for some of the best green products and services in the Northwest. Listen to dynamic speakers, enjoy organic dining and much more. For information visit www.greenfestivals.org or call Co-op America at (800) 58GREEN (584-7336).

